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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA IN SECURITY COUNCIL

1. AFRICAN GROUP AT UN MET AFTERNOON MAY 15 TO DISCUSS UPCOMING NAMIBIA DEBATE IN SC. AFRICANS DECIDED DEFINITELY TO ASK THAT DEBATE BEGIN MAY 30 AND FINISH RELATIVELY QUICKLY IN ORDER TO ENABLE, INTER ALIA, COMMITTEE OF 24 GROUP TO LEAVE FOR LISBON MEETINGS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JUNE 12.

2. AFRICAN GROUP CONSTITUTED DRAFTING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN MAY 16 IN EFFORT TO COME UP WITH ELEMENTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION. GROUP APPARENTLY HAS DECIDED NOT TO AWAIT RESULTS OF VORSTER'S MAY 20

STATEMENT BEFORE GOING TO WORK. MEMBERS OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE ARE AOU MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA (ALGERIA, BOTSWANA, BURUNDIA, EGYPT, LIBERIA, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, ZAMBIA), AFRICAN MEMBERS OF SC (MAURITANIA, CAMEROON, TANZANIA), SOMALIA (CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF OAU) BURUNDI (ALSO MEMBER OF COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, AS CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN GROUP AT UN FOR MONTH OF
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MAY), CENTRAL AFRICAN REP (CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN GROUP AT UN

FOR MONTH OF JUNE), AND SWAPO REP.

3. DRAFTING GROUP IS TO INFORM PRESIDENT OF SC (GUYANA)
OF ITS PROGRESS BY MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. PRESIDENT OF SC MAY THEN
CONTACT OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. AFRICAN GROUP WILL MEET
AGAIN ON OR ABOUT MAY 22 TO DISCUSS DRAFT. IF DRAFT APPROVED
AT THAT TIME, CONTACTS WILL BE MADE WITH OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS.
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